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In order to stay ahead of schedule, I usually set my watch 15 minutes ahead and 6 hours ahead for when I'm writing manuscripts. But lately I've gotten used to it and so it doesn't work anymore. Ahh, somehow I don't think that's a good way to feel like you've slowed down the flow of time...

(Sakai Mayu)

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With no real future dreams, Mika lives a boring ordinary life. But one day she witnesses her classmate, Minakami at a Billiards hall and, through chance, gets drawn in as well.

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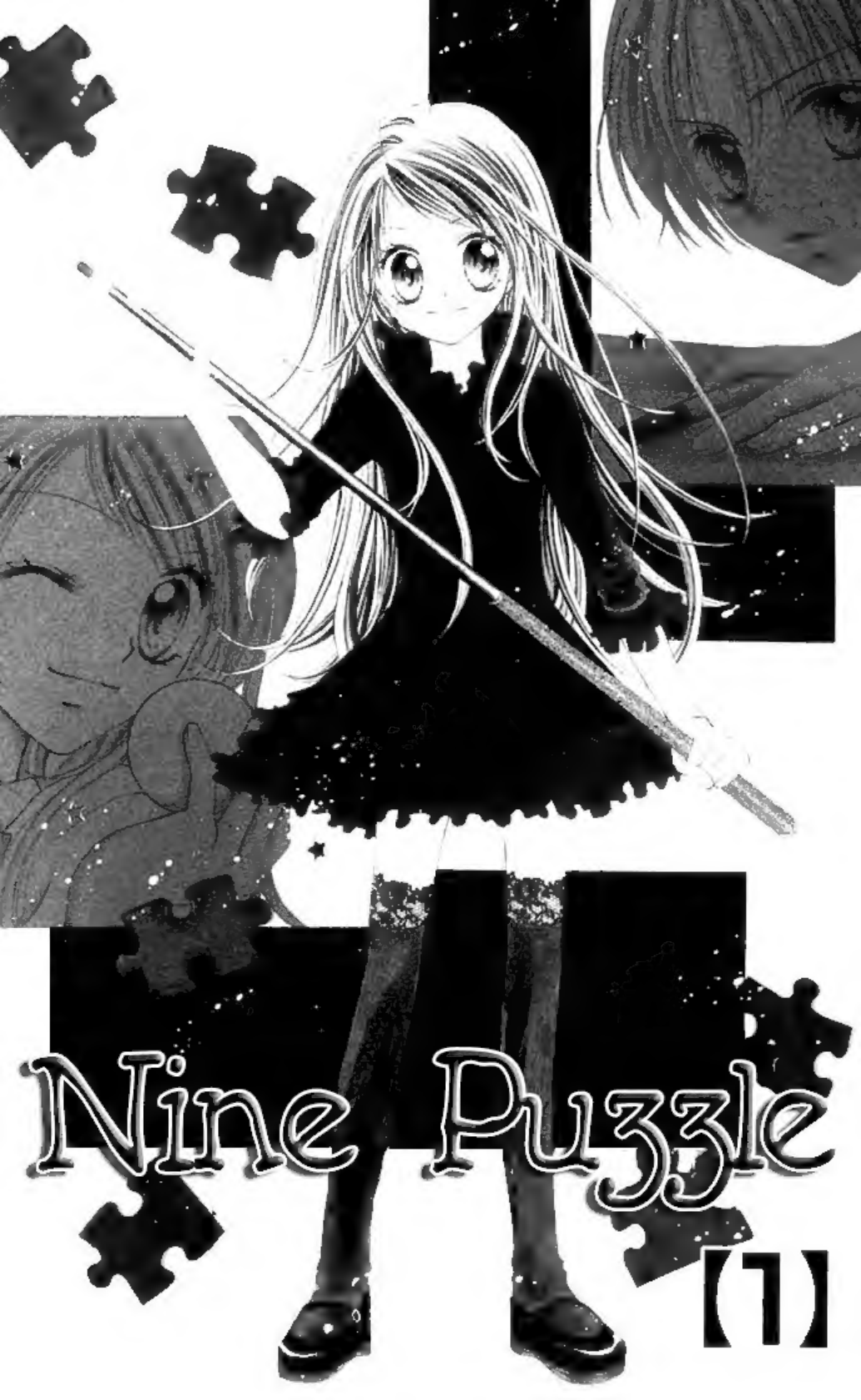
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MIKA! MIKA!
DID YOU FINISH THE HANDOUT WE GOT EARLIER?
Eh?
HANDOUT?
So HOW IS IT?
Did you forget already?
HEY, TAKE A LOOK.
Ok, Ok!
That...
Ehehn?
AH! THE "COURSE WRITTEN EXAM"!
I STILL HAV-EN'T FILLED ONE OUT ...
HEY !!
THE TEA-CHER SAID ...
IT'S FINE WHETHER IT'S A VAGUE DREAM OR A MORE SPECIFIC DESIRE.
...EVEN IF SHE SAID THAT...
Flutter
Flutter

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, BUT YOU KNOW...
AFTER TWO YEARS, I STILL DON'T HAVE A CLEAR IDEA...
Hey, hey
VAGUE IS OKAY?
I GUESS IT'S FINE?
IF A VAGUE DREAM IS FINE,
ALRIGHT!!
Arab Oil Baron's Wife!!
Shock
A ra B
WAH!
SHE'S WRITING IT IN BALL POINT.
How foolish!!!
AH HA HA HA
SO, HOW IS IT?
THWACK!!
OW
lean...
So-
SORRY.
Are you okay?
.....
STARE
....
...AH

... SCARY ...
MINA-KAMI GLARED AT US.
flip
Man
WHY IS HE JUST COMING TO SCHOOL NOW?
He'll get sus-pended
It's already 4 pm
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT MIKA-CHAN?
Ye
YEAH, I'M.
step step step step
Ah
whisper
I HEARD A RU-MOR.
MINAKAMI IS ALWAYS OUT SCREWING AROUND AND WALKING AT NIGHT.
So he sleeps in the day?
whisper
whisper
EEEH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!?
THE TEACHER SAID TO FILL OUT THIS PAPER.
Ah
MINA-KAMI
I've heard some things too.
whisper
IT'S SAID HE'S OFTEN SEEN WITH A GIRL WHO LOOKS LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TOO.
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS OF THE SAME AGE.
whisper
That guy
.....
whisper
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HA?
...SO MIKA-CHAN, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?
HEY
Ah
NO WAY, I DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THINGS LIKE THAT
Sorry
JEEZ!
HEY HEY NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, CLASS B'S OOKAWA-SAN AND CLASS C'S INO-KUN.
EEEH WHAT WHAT !?
Aaah
HE THREW T AWAY
I DON'T THINK MUCH ABOUT DREAMS OR THE FUTURE.
GOSSIP
GOSSIP
BECAUSE SCHOOL IS FUN.
I LIKE IT
Hey
Tell me already

HEY,
ARE YOU DOING ANY-THING TODAY?
WANT TO GO TO KA-RAOKE?
Ah
SORRY, I HAVE CRAM SCHOOL.
Then I'm going home.
Eh?
CRAM SCHOOL?
Oh.
YOU GO TO ONE?
Yeah.
I STARTED GOING TO IT TWO YEARS AGO.
BUT AREN'T ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LIKE THIS THESE DAYS?
Bzzt bzzt!

Not like that!
I WANT TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR!
Not look like that!!
This kind of feeling...?
Troubles will come hey
I WON'T BE ABLE TO UNLESS I STUDY A LOT.
BUT I'M REALLY NOT GOOD AT ENGLISH, SO...
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT BEFORE BECAUSE IT'S EMBARRASSING.
REALLY, I WANT TO BECOME LIKE KORIYANAGI TETSUKO
Huh?
WOOW
THAT'S KIND OF COOL...
IT'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING GREAT.
It's just English
SONOKO-SAN IS THINKING ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING
I was kind of SURPRISED
H-HUH?
ISN'T THAT PERSON OVER THERE MINAKAMI?

Billiards
7th
Avenue
PM1:00~
AM3:00
... OH
IS THAT A BILLIARDS PLACE?
It's the first time I've seen under the blinds
IS IT OK FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT TO ENTER?
SEEMS KIND OF A BAD PLACE DOESN'T IT?
It looks like she can't read the english sign.

Wh-
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE SHOULD TELL THE TEACHER ...
Mika-chan
Ah
ISN'T IT FINE? AFTER ALL..
IT'S OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Freetalk 1

Nice to meet you ♪ (← I should have used "or") Good to see you again ♪ Good afternoon!!

Greetings! Sakai Mayu speaking!!

It's my second volume! yep. So i'm really happy (laugh)

* * *

Somehow, after my first comic came out, with all the letters I received I wondered how the post office wasn't flooded!! I was buried in them!^^; (laugh)

So this time I decided I'd work really hard and answer all of them. People that always answer them all are amazing!!♪

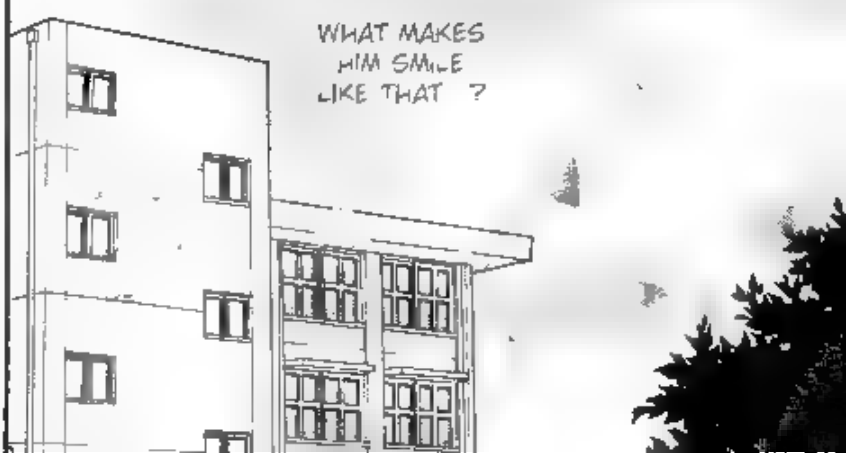
Ah making all these extra claims, I'm a little worried .

Originally, NiPuz (← abbreviation for Nine Puzzle What I've been calling it) was a side story so I concluded it, but it became its own story.

Well, with this
plus
a 3 page free talk
plus
a 6 page omake

Go!→

[this is unrelated but since I'm filling up my bath right now it's getting all steamy and my pen is slipping.]



Ahahaha
Hahaha
Hahaha
Hahaha
Moan
THE WAY YOU LAUGH IS WHAT'S FUNNY!!
STOMP STOMP
MAN!
SO FUNNY !!
you laugh too much!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHAT'S WITH THAT!!
AH
I LAUGHED SO MUCH, I HAVE TO GO TO THE TOILET.
SLIDE
CLOSE
Ahahahaha
Ahahahaha

freetalk 2

First of all, I'm going to answer the questions that get asked the most in the letters I receive. My profile maniac version.

Favorite musician. Um, female artists include:

-Chihiro Onizuka-
-Cocco-
-Ayumi Hamasaki- (I listen to her especially)

Male artists include:

-Hyde- ♡
-Gackt- (whom I love!)

I'm definitely one of those that advocate ballads, although I don't dislike pop. But ballads really calm me down.✿

By the way, when it comes to public entertainers, my favorite is definitely Hikaru Ijuuin!!! I totally love her!! [I also go to the singing performances at the tea house! (laugh)]

.....
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, SAWAMURA.
I...
I HEARD YOU PLAYED BILLIARDS. RIGHT? or something
MINA-KAMI.
Eh?!
OPEN
Close
ding dong ding dong
IS HE SHY ?
SONOKA-SAN, DO YOU HAVE CRAM SCHOOL TODAY AS WELL?
That's right
VROOM
SORRY.
VROOM
Beep Beep
I can't do anything

Billiards
7th Avenue
PM4:00~
AM3:00
Bye bye
I WONDER IF MINAKAMI CAME HERE TODAY AS WELL
CLATTER
WOW
YOUNG GIRLS LIKE THAT ARE GOING IN
I'M SCARED TO THINK OF WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE
Someone like this.
Becomes someone like this.
open
Billiards
7th Avenue
PM4:00~
AM3:00

ALRIGHT!
A WOMAN'S COURAGE!
IF I GET SCARED, I'LL RETREAT!
Not brave at all.
Fidget
Cur-ious
.....
Fidget
Wants to see
Fidget
Wants to see
Fidget
... CHUCKLE
Cur-ious
Clatter
Clatter
Clatter
Clatter
UGH!
SMELLS LIKE TOBACCO
Ah
BUT THE CUSTOM-ERS ARE ALL QUITE YOUNG...?
Um..
WHERE IS MINAKAMI .....?

Yeah!
Yeah!
TOO BAD TACHIBANA. YOU MISSED IT!
AAH
NO WAY!?
IT SLIPPED. HEY!!
!!!
No way!!
CAN I REDO IT!!?
You Bastard
THIS IS A SERIOUS GAME.
thud
!
click
...HEY YOU LITTLE BRAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING! ARE YOU GOING TO FIND ME A SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS GAME?
!?
click
S... SORRY
Who
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'M SCARED AFTER ALL.. !!
CRAP
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN A SCRATCH IN ANYWAY?

SCRATCH
SCRATCH
MINA-KAMI!
WHAT DID YOU SAY ...!?
I WOULD HAVE SUNKED THE NINE BALL!
TWITCH
SLAM
HOW TO DO IT!!
WELL WHY DON'T YOU SHOW ME!!
IT'S NOT HER FAULT
Crunchle
IT'S YOUR OWN LACK OF POWER.
← Stops slipping

WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?
Eeh?
EEH!?
BE QUIET AND WATCH.
I'LL TREAT YOU TO THREE MEALS A DAY FOR A WEEK.
That's fine.
Wha-
MINA-KAMI.

MINA... KAMI...
IS.. IS THIS A DIFFICULT POSITION?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL.
HE'S GOING TO USE THAT WHITE BALL TO KNOCK THE NUMBER THREE BALL INTO THE NINE BALL AND SINK IT.
Wha?!
But if he hits the number three ball first it's no good.
CLICK
DEFINITELY NOT POSSIBLE...!?
Smile
Smile
Ah!
IT'S THE GUY MINAKAMI WAS LAUGHING WITH YESTERDAY!!
HIT THE NUMBER THREE BALL
SINK THE NINE BALL

Roll
THUNK
Ah
IT WENT IN
Amazing!!!
!!!
... SEE?
I sunk it right?
No way
BOUNCE
THUMP!
Roll
Roll
Roll
Roll
Roll
Roll
Roll
Roll
click

Thump
Thump
... HONE-STLY, YOU.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BAD?
You didn't even clean up.
Ahh...
Thump
I COST YOU YOUR CUSTO-MERS.
... SORRY.
Even though you didn't have many.
SLAM!
Bounce
Bounce
Tch!
WE'RE NOT COMING TO THIS PLACE ANYMORE !!
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
SLAM!
GRAB
!?
AH...

I WANT TO TRY IT TOO !!
HAAH ...?
Leave me alone.
HURRY UP AND GO HOME.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NO, NO, LET ME TRY IT!
Look
IT'S 600 YEN A GAME!! DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY? GO HOME.
SOME OTHER DANGER-OUS THING MIGHT HAPPEN
YOU WANT TO TRY?
Here the cue
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, I'LL LET YOU PLAY FOR FREE.
IT'S FINE.
Come one Kaede-kun
Bastard! You didn't give me a free game!
YOU!
Cue

Thump
WA...
Thump
Thump
IT WILL MEAN AN INCREASE IN CUSTOMERS,
$
IF SHE BECOMES A REGULAR CUSTOMER.
♪
.....
ANYWAY, I WAS SURPRISED
THAT KAEDE-KUN IS SO GOOD AT THIS GAME.
CHUKLE
YOH !!
So
...HM, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Do you want me to come back?
Ah
IT'S MIKA, SAWAMURA MIKA.
MIKA-CHAN, THEN.
Nice to meet you.
I AM THE OWNER OF THIS STORE
Just call me Yoh-san okay?

freetalk 3

In the supplement for the supplement I'm going to discuss the next most often asked question which is who is my favorite manga artist. but I don't really have one. Usually I'll start to like a certain type of manga, so I can't really say "I love that person!!" about anyone.

I like a lot of different ones, but whether I could have a favorite or not, I want to keep it to myself. Although I don't know why (laugh).

Because of that I've put together a list of those I've used as a Bible.

-Ushio to tora- (the tide and the tiger) [It's a masterpiece!] (Kazuhiro Fujita sensei)
Matoshi and Shingo [another masterpiece!]
-Rebel E- (a real piece of literary work!)

The only book published by Shueisha is this one. (laugh) If you ever get the chance to read them, you must! I haven't read anything actually sacred. I think. It bored me. Is that ok.. (heartbeat)

Anything is good, though my bookshelf tends to have whatever is popular, though when I look at it, the most are cooking mangas. a mere 200 volumes.. If I see it, I buy it. Against my better judgement.

***Ah, if you're talking about manga artists I like, one popped into mind.

next →

I follow the bishounen I like! (laugh) I follow [Bishounen suki]??

Well then
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO BILLIARDS,
DO YOU WANT TO SEE HOW TO SET UP?
YES.
RIGHT
BRING THE TOP PART OF YOUR BODY DOWN.
NOT TOO MUCH TO THE SIDE.
POSITION YOUR FINGERS LIKE THIS.
This is called the bridge.
Glass
That's it
THE FORM IS LIKE THAT.
Look
KAEDE-KUN.
I ALMOST LOOK LIKE I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING
heh heh
LOOKS KINDA COOL

I wanna see it
YOH-SAN IS THAT GOOD?
Hahahaha
I'M THE MOST SKILLED PLAYER IN THIS PROVINCE.
....?
Are you really that good?
I'M TOO GOOD AT IT.
Grin
Pat
GEH!
WHY DON'T YOU PLAY A GAME TOGE-THER?
IF YOU WON'T DO IT, DO I HAVE TO BAN YOU FROM THE STORE?
....
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT!?
NO WAY! SO AN-NOYING!
Why me!?

In anyease, that's really cool.

Geez, Kaede-kun.
MIKA-CHAN,
BREAK IS SHORT FOR BREAK SHOT, WHICH IS THE FIRST SHOT OF THE GAME.
Cue ball
This is the only ball you can touch directly.
BUT IF YOU SINK THE NINE BALL AT THE START YOU WIN.
NINE BALL IS WHERE YOU USE THIS CUE BALL TO KNOCK THE OTHER BALLS IN ORDER FROM ONE TO NINE,
Here
I'LL LET YOU BREAK.
BE GRATE-FUL.
So mean
WHAT'S A BREAK?
BUT...
Hey you!!
YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN MORE THAN THE ESSENTIALS!!
BECAUSE SHE'LL BE GOING HOME SOON!!
MERC-ILESS MALE KAEDE
THIS GUY
I see
YOH-SAN...
He's nice...
BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LIKELY TO KNOCK THEM IN ON THE BREAK.
IT'S IMPOR-TANT TO DO IT CALMLY
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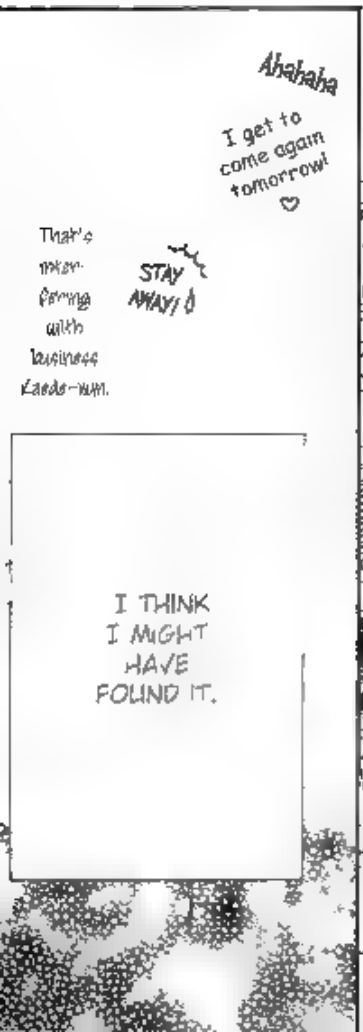
I WANT TO...
BE LIKE THAT TOO

CLICK

CLICK
THUMP
BOUNCE

B-bump
WOW
B-bump
B-bump
Ah
Ah.
Roll
Roll
Roll
It's like that for all beginners.
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A FLUKE ANYWAY, RIGHT?
HMM
WATCH, I'LL FINISH IT NOW.
You should seperate them like that every time.
Seriously?
EH?
THAT WAS A REALLY GOOD BREAK FOR A BEGINNER WHO'S NEVER PLAYED BEFORE.
THAT'S GREAT.

IF YOU SINK THE NINE BALL, THEN... YOU WIN...
Right?
AH...
IT'S THE NINE BALL.
.....
The balls are collected under here.
SOME-THING FELL!
Yay
WHICH NUMBER ...?


Ahahaha
I get to come again tomorrow! ♡
That's mean-Coming with business Kaede-kun.
STAY AWAY!
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE FOUND IT.

WA-
WAIT A SECOND!! DON'T JOKE AROUND!!
It's still the first round!
WIN!!
SO THAT MEANS ...
I win!?
YAY
Eeh
IT'S NOT REALLY A JOKE, IS IT?
Mika-chan♫
YEAH!
NINE FELL IN!!

SOME-
THING
THAT
WILL...
GET
RID OF
THESE
PEACEFUL
BORING
DAYS.

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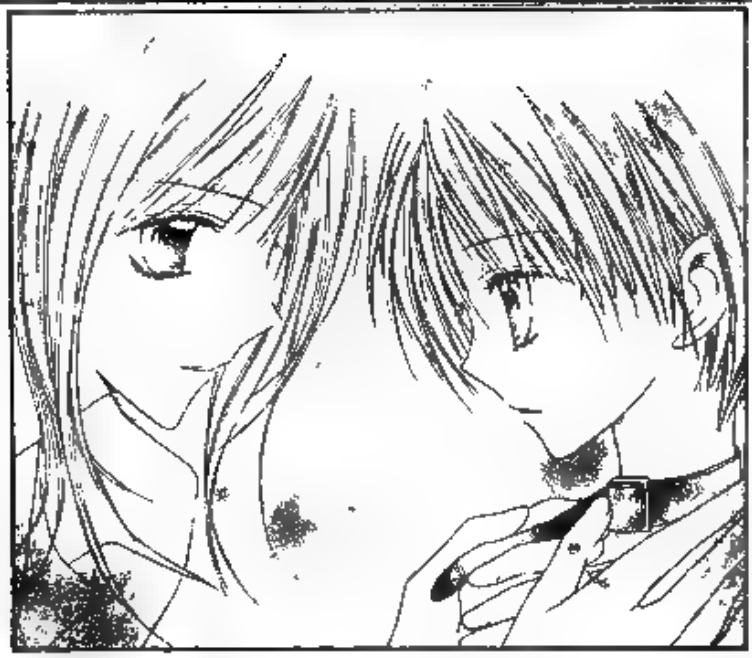
Mika Sawamura fourteen years old,
has finally found the most joyous thing in her life.
Beep
Assemble



Hey-yah!
SMACK

BOP
BANG
Roll
Roll
TA-DA
This is the time to practice box jumping!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
TEAC-HER!

WHY IS IT SO NOISY OVER THERE AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX?
Grumble grumble
That voice
IS SAWAMURA, I GUESS?
so noisy
Stand right there!
SINCE YOU'RE HOLDING THE WIPER NOW THEN JUST RIGHT ! YOU HAVE TO CLEAN THE WHOLE SPORTS COMPLEX WATER ON!'
What?
THE ONE WHO'S TOO MUCH IS YOU, ISN'T IT!?
THAT'S TOO MUCH! A TEACHER!
What!?
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ATTEND CLASS ATTENTIVELY I'M GOING TO CRY IN FRONT OF YOU, YA KNOW!?
Assemble
Ah don't leave me alone
Oh no!
.....
I'm sorry, kay?
2 - A
Boys assemble!

MIKA, DID ANYTHING GOOD HAPPEN TO YOU?
HUH?
WHY DON'T YOU SHARE WITH US SOME OF YOUR HAPPINESS!?
He he he
LISTEN TO ME, LISTEN TO ME!
Kyo
IS IT THAT OBVIOUS!?
UM!
ACTUALLY NO! IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN IN AN EXCITED MOOD ALL ALONG
SUDDEN REALIZATION
YESTERDAY IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HAVE EVER...
?
Ever
Ever?
"CAN A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT GO TO SUCH A PLACE?"
"I THINK IT'S BETTER TO INFORM THE TEACHER ABOUT THIS."

EVER...
Ever realized my dream of having a meal with the Arabian petroleum king! In the dream!!
Petroleum King
It's very delicious
Heh! It is!
SHOCK
Ha, ha, ha!
Could it be that she'll really inform the teacher?
I SHOULDN'T, RIGHT!?
No, no no no, but Sonoko is a very serious and stubborn person!?
I SHOULDN'T BLURT IT OUT, RIGHT!?
.....
Ignore that idiot!
WHAT DO WE HAVE FOR NEXT PERIOD?
MATH LESSON.
Eew
I HAVEN'T DONE MY WORK YET!
Finally finally
MANAGED TO PASS IT OFF...
YES, YES, YES, THAT'S REALLY GREAT
I WAS SO HAPPY, IT WAS SUCH A HAPPY AND DELICIOUS DREAM, 'YA KNOW!?
I was experiencing this for the first time!!
ANYWAY, IT'S A DREAM.. PETROLEUM KING'S BRIDE...
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You should at least take your textbook out!!
WHY HASN'T SCHOOL ENDED YET?
Ah
Ha
Ha
Ha
My
But, I guess I'll just keep this as a secret for the time being.
Right?
Um Tempo rarely for safety
Ding
Dong
OPEN
GOOD AFTER-NOON!

Eh heh
I KEPT YESTERDAY'S PROMISE AND CAME!
And I've bought 600 yen as well!
Ha ha
WELCOME, WELCOME!
Ah
YESTERDAY'S.
MIKA!
KAEDE-KUN HAS ALREADY ARRIVED!
He's just a bit earlier than you are. Look!
HE'S USING THE POOL TABLE INSIDE.
Oh!
HE'S REALLY THERE!
Ignore
MINAKAMI!
Yah
SINCE WE BOTH ARE COMING HERE, THEN WHY DON'T WE COME TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE!?
Shojo Magic

Shake
Heh
WHAT'S THE USE OF PRACTICING WITH THE VOLLEY-BALL...?
There fore
I TRIED TO PRACTICE FOR A WHILE DURING THE P.E LESSON TODAY!
I MIGHT HAVE BECOME SLIGHTLY BETTER!
PLUNK
Uw ah
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!? YOU'RE SO RUDE
I'LL JUST CALL YOU BY YOUR NAME ILKAEDE FROM NOW ON!
HAH.
Why would you answer me only when you want to criticize me!? You asshole!!!

AH.
Is that so?
THAT'S BECAUSE NO MATTER IF THEY ARE HIGH SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS KAEDE IS FACING, HE'S NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT AFFECTED BY THEM.
THAT'S WHY YOU FORGET HIS AGE SOMETIMES.
SHOCKED
!!
CLINK
Ha
Ha
Ha
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT, YOU!?
YOU'RE AWESOME..
ONLY WHEN YOU'RE HERE DO I REMEMBER THAT KAEDE IS STILL A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT!
Shock
Shock
YES
!
?
THEN, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME!
YOU'VE REALLY LET ME SEE SOMETHING GOOD!
Good gracious
THUD
IT WON'T DO IF IT'S NOT FROM THE SAME STANDPOINT!!
I JUST DON'T LIKE BEING TREATED FOREVER LIKE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.
... THAT'S NOT THE CASE!
Turn
HEY!
DO YOU NEED TO FEEL SO UPSET..!?
I'M ALL RIGHT WITH IT.. ANYWAY, IT'S THE TRUTH THAT YOU'RE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOOKING LIKE ONE?

Wow
TWO BALLS IN A ROUND
CLACK
CLACK
... HE AND I MADE A PROMISE ..
IF MY SKILLS IMPROVE,
HE'LL BE WILLING TO HAVE A SERIOUS MATCH WITH ME.
Eh?
YOU HAVEN'T HAD A MATCH WITH YOH-SAN BEFORE!?
How could it be!? You two are on such good terms
WE HAVEN'T
He only taught me some playing techniques

BASICALLY, THAT GUY DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE A MATCH WITH ANYONE.
Or should I say
And he doesn't play it with anyone
I'VE ONLY SEEN HIM HOLDING THE CUE MAKING THE POSTURE ONCE...
AND ONLY DURING THE TIME WHEN WE FIRST MET
Hey hey
Can I believe that his English language standard is rated as one?
ONCE
BUT HE'S DEFINITELY REMARK-ABLE!!
That guy!
THERE AREN'T ANY BALLS THAT WON'T BE POCKETED IF WE FOLLOW YOH-SAN'S INSTRUCTION.
IN ADDITION WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM,
THE WAY THE BREAK HE HIT WAS.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
FELL IN LOVE WITH YOH-SAN AFTER ALL...
Ah NO..
KAEDE, YOU..
BAM
BONK
You
WHAT LOVE?
SHOULDN'T YOU USE THE WORD "RESPECT" AT LEAST?
?
WHAT IS "RES-PECT"? I DON'T UNDER-STAND ENGLISH

THE MEANING OF "ADMIRATION," OKAY?
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY PLAYING SO WELL NOW,
IF EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT IT, THEY'LL DEFINITELY BE VERY SURPRISED.
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU COULD HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT WANTING TO BECOME A VERY GOOD BILLIARDS PLAYER!
ANYWAY, THE TEACHER SAID IT WAS OKAY TO WRITE ABOUT DREAMS THAT ARE HARD TO REACH
You saw me
Then you didn't have to throw it away!
IF YOU REALLY LIKE IT THAT MUCH, YOU COULD HAVE WRITEN ABOUT IT IN THE ASPIRATION SURVEY LAST TIME!
In that case
..OH.

I DON'T REALLY
WANT TO LET
OTHER PEOPLE
KNOW ABOUT THIS.

Magic
HEY
THAT'S EVERY-THING
WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND SCRAM?

THAT'S EVERY-THING...!? BUT WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!? WHO WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT!?
WHAT!?
!?
Why can't you under-stand!?
THAT'S WHY I SAID I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CARE ABOUT A BEGINNER LIKE YOU!!
AREN'T YOU TOTALLY DIFFERENT IN SCHOOL AS WELL!?
STOP MEDDLING! YOU'RE ANNOY-ING!!

Impact
HE LOST TO ME YESTERDAY.
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD SAID SO MUCH,
Hmph

Hmph
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD WATCH OUT ABOUT NOT CRYING UNTIL YOU PUKE!!

All right then
I UNDER-STAND... LET'S HAVE ANOTHER MATCH!
GATA
DON'T YOU RUN BACK HOME CRYING IF YOU LOSE, 'KAY!?

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I WONDER WHAT THE MEANING OF CRYING UNTIL YOU PUKE IS
SWING
HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO GETS TO PLAY FIRST?
Oh yeah!
Using finger guessing?
IN FACT, WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING CALLED "BANKING" ...
How is that possible?
.....
Huh !?
.. YOU CAN START FIRST.
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE TOO LAZY TO EXPLAIN?
YOU KNOW ME QUITE WELL, DON'T YOU? Seems that you've grown a bit.

I want to defeat you!!
I must pocket ball no. 9!!
CRACK
I want to make you regret letting me play first!!
Erm
SLIGHTLY BEND THE BODY
AND TAKE CARE NOT TO STRETCH THE ARMS TOO OPEN.
This kind of touchy feeling...
It really feels good!
Well
Hee hee hee
I THINK I'M REALLY COOL!
I really have this kind of feeling!

He's probably thinking that I am just fooling around for fun, but...
In Kaede's point of view?..
Up until now..
nothing can be compared to the kind of excitement
that comes with the break of the game.
I CAN NO LONGER FORGET ABOUT THAT SORT OF FEELING!!

Hi, Ms
NOT EVEN ONE BALL WAS POCKETED
SOME-TIMES THESE THINGS DO HAPPEN
.....
Hmm
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD
LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T JUST PLAY IT ANY WAY YESTERDAY!

Smoothly
Then,
IT'S MY TURN NOW.
Shiver
!?
Smirk
Argh
I CHANGED THE FELT ONLY YESTERDAY!
.....?
What kind of pose is that ?
Arrr
Felt= the cloth that's gummed to the table

IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS THE SKILL OF LETTING THE BALL CURVE WITH AN ANGLE.

THAT'S CALLED "OBJECT BALL" . USUALLY KNOWN AS THE TARGET BALL

And the target ball will damage the table cloth.

CURVE!? Will it make a turn!?

WHAT KIND OF POSE IS THAT!?

ONLY THE TWO OF YOU KNOW ABOUT IT.. YOU GUYS ARE SO CUNNING!!

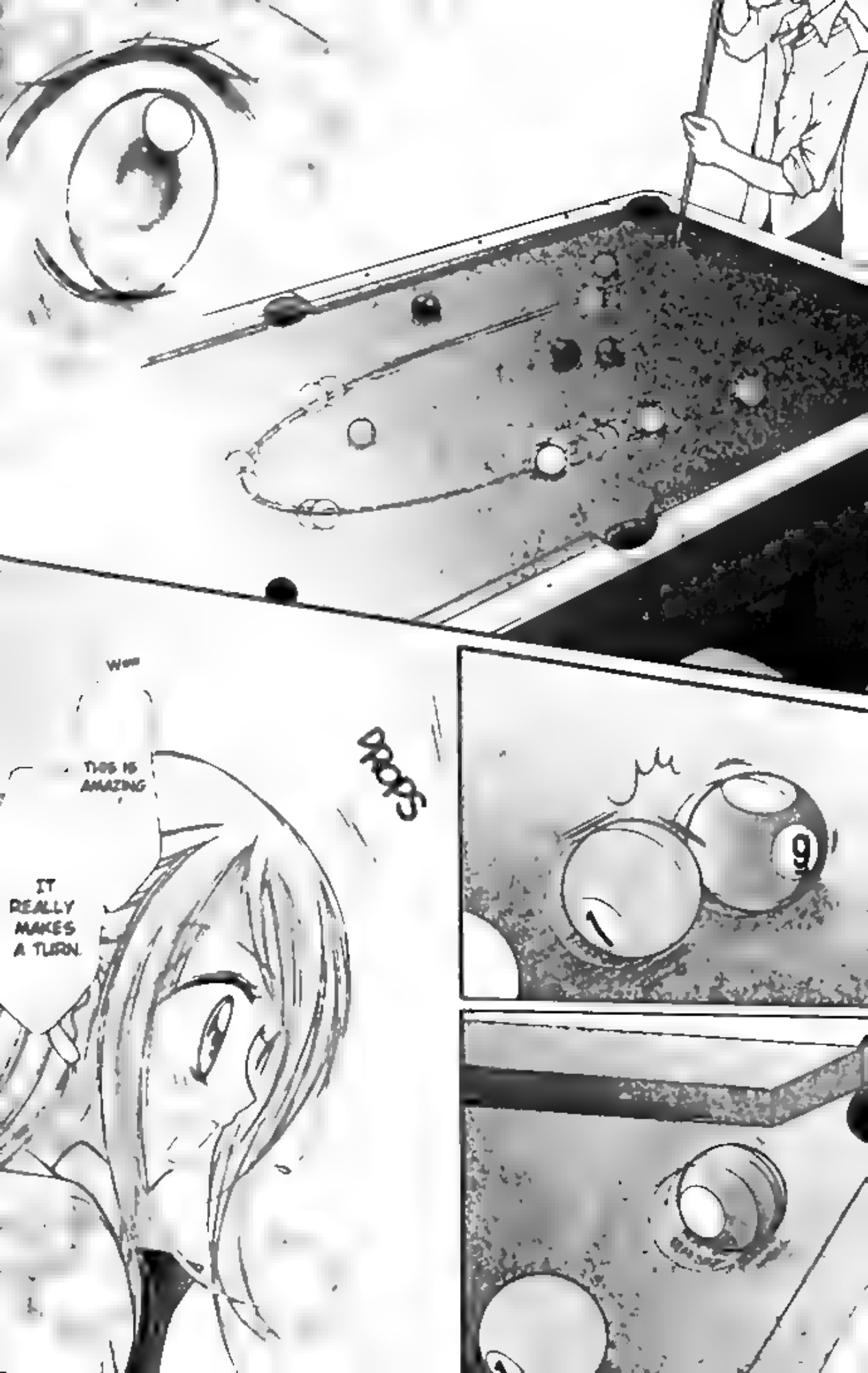
Ah

ABOUT THAT...

CRACK

Yes

JUST TAKE A LOOK!


WOW
THIS IS AMAZING
IT REALLY MAKES A TURN.
DROPS
9

REALIZED!!
Oh!!
THE MATCH HAS ENDED
I won
Eh?
No way!
Ball no. 9 has already been pocketed!!
DESPICABLE!
ONE MORE TIME!
WON'T THE RESULT BE THE SAME NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE COMPETE?
I DON'T CARE JUST HURRY UP AND HAVE ANOTHER MATCH!
The 2nd Challenge
Paka—n
The 3rd Challenge
Rolls

I didn't even win once...
I should say
I SPENT TWO HOURS BREAKING THE GAMES ...
I didn't have the feeling that I could manage to hit the balls.
BY THE WAY, HIS STANDARD IS ABOUT THE 2ND GRADE OF THE BRITAIN EXAMINATION BOARD I GUESS?
He has defeated a lot of challengers so he can be regarded as the most skillful one in our shop.
HE'S VERY IMPRESSIVE!
KAEDE?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE SO GOOD AT IT!!
If you're so good why don't you say it truthfully?
What?
BUT
Winning by a large margin?
Really
I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU SOON!...! JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE!!
Well I'm sorry about that then!
Hmph
DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?
I'm so mad
WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THAT!?
WE'RE OF DIFFERENT ABILITIES!
You're so stupid

IF YOU ~ BEFORE THE SHOP OPENS
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY IT FOR FREE
OH NO! I FORGOT TO PAY FOR THE EXTENDED HOURS
AL- AL- THOUGH I WANT TO GO TOMOR-ROW AS WELL
BUT I HAVE TO PAY 800 YEN
HUH ?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT
BEFORE THE SHOP OPENS
I CAN GO AS WELL?
YOH-SAN HAS VERY SERIOUS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY AT ALL

I THINK IT'S PRETTY NICE TO HAVE FRIENDS TO SHARE VIEWS ABOUT THE SAME INTEREST
WHEN YOU CAME TODAY
I THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO BRING THOSE PEOPLE ALONG
THAT WAS WHY I FELT SO IRRITATED
YOU MEANT SUNOKO AND THE OTHERS?
THEY WON'T COME ALONG
AND SO,

BUMP
POW!

KAEDE!
Wow!
THAT'S THE UNIFORM OF KEIEI MIDDLE SCHOOL!!
Even I know about that famous private school!
EH, EH? YOU KNOW HIM!?
Amaz ing—!!
...
HE'S MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
BROTH-ER!?
THEY DON'T LOOK ALIKE AT ALL!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
REALLY, WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GO WANDERING?
I FORGOT TO BRING THE HOUSE KEYS, LEND THEM TO ME!
ANYWAY YOU'LL BE HOME VERY LATE TONIGHT, WON'T YOU!?
Could
COULD IT BE THAT THEY DON'T GET ALONG VERY WELL...?
.....
SUR-PRISE
RATTLING

Hm
Ah
I'll GO BACK
I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME TO WASTE,
AND I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU, WHO DOESN'T HAVE OTHERS EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM YOU!!
shock
TAKE IT!
HURRY UP AND GO BACK!
. AH! THAT'S RIGHT!
THOSE WHO ATTEND SUCH A LOUSY MIDDLE SCHOOL... ARE SO RELAXED!?
Nauseated
... AH, AH!
LET'S GO!
Huh?
AH! OK!

WHAT IS THIS GUY SO ARROGANT ABOUT?
Wh
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What is the meaning of that !?
It's so maddening !!!
squeak!!!
THOSE WHO ATTENDED SUCH A LOUSY MIDDLE SCHOOL
ARE SO RELAXED
HMPH!

Ahh! I'M SO MAD!!
I'M SO MAD WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT IT!
Awww...
AFTER GETTING BACK HOME YESTERDAY, I WAS SO MAD THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP THE WHOLE NIGHT!!
...
CAN YOU EAT YOUR MEAL MORE QUIETLY ...?
BACK TO THE SUBJECT! WHY DIDN'T YOU REBUT!?
NO ENTRY BEYOND THIS POINT
And so what if it may be true that my brain isn't very smart?
SO WHAT IF IT'S TRUE THAT OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL IS VERY LOUSY ...!?
THE ONE WHO SAID THOSE THINGS IS THE REAL MORON!!
... HEY!
HIS ATTITUDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
I'M ALREADY USED TO IT
THAT WASN'T SURPRISING. .
And you can even eat your food so calmly!!
BEING LOOKED DOWN BY YOUR OWN YOUNGER BROTHER !?
ARE YOU GOING TO BEAR WITH THIS WILLINGLY ...!?
HEY!!
THIS PERSON HERE NEVER LISTENS TO WHAT OTHERS SAY

Hey Hey Hey!
ISN'T THAT... WORSE!?
YOUR MOM NEVER CARES ABOUT IT!?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
PARENTS?
IS IT BECAUSE THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER SOMETHING THAT THEY ACT THIS WAY!?
"Always" !!?
WHO KNOWS..
MY PARENTS SEEM TO LIKE HIM MORE I THINK?
But,
THAT'S FOR SURE!
One is a moron, and the other is a student at Keiei Middle School.
Rips
...

OF COURSE NO ONE WOULD WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT KIND OF HOME. .
I suppose
Downhearted...
I FEEL LUCKY THAT MY PARENTS PUT ALL THEIR ATTENTIONS ON MY YOUNGER BROTHER, SO I'M FREE TO DO WHATEVER I LIKE.
ON THE CONTRARY, I FEEL HAPPY ABOUT IT!
ROPPING
ARE YOU THINKING THAT I'M VERY PITIFUL? I warn you!
HUH .?
SMACK
Ouch!
... HEY!

AND I DON'T WANT TO CARE ABOUT WHAT MY PARENTS ARE THINKING.
HE COMPARES HIMSELF TO ME AS A HOBBY, AND THEN IMMERSES HIMSELF IN THE FEELING OF SUPERIORITY...
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
I'm still unable to agree with such a thing!!
BUT...
...
OUTSTANDING
... WHY DO YOU MENTION HIS NAME NOW...!?
ANYWAY YOU GOT YOH-SAN, RIGHT?
... FORGET IT...
...
Pomelo Juice
THUD
Um!
... THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE.
HE'S A GENTLE PERSON TOO!
And seems to be pretty reliable?
Eh?
BUT DOESN'T HE SEEM LIKE HE'S REALLY YOUR BIG BROTHER?

IF I DIDN'T MEET HIM,
I GUESS I'D PROBABLY TREAT EVERYONE OTHER THAN MYSELF AS MY ENEMY!
My god.
NINAKAMI IS HERE AS WE...
Hey
AIKA!!
SO YOU ARE HERE!
But
I WONDER HOW ON EARTH THEY MET EACH OTHER
What!?
THEN THE FACT THAT I CAN TALK TO HIM HERE IS BECAUSE YUKI SAN

KAEDE, I'LL SEE YOU LATER THEN!
I'LL BE THERE BEFORE THE SHOP OPENS TODAY AS WELL!
OH!
SUDDENLY
DO WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE CLASS-ROOM FOR THE NEXT CLASS?
Ah!
UM! We're going there now!
I HEARD SOMEONE SAY "MY GOD"
STOP
STOP
... HEY! MIKA,
HOW CAN YOU CHAT WITH MINAKAMI SO NON-CHA-LANTLY?
HUH?
ISN'T IT BETTER TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM...?
HA! HA! HA!
!?
IT'S ALL RIGHT! I'M OK!
THAT GUY IS ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE TO TALK TO!

Well
I'M GOING TO PRACTICE BILLIARDS AS HARD AS I CAN TODAY, TOO!!
Yeah
SIMPLY KNOWING HOW TO PLAY WON'T BE ENOUGH TO COMPETE IN A GAME!
What
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
Weren't you the one who 'hit the break last time?
Billiards
PM 14:00~
AM 3:00

KAEDE AND MIKA, YOU TWO CAME JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME!
He tied up his hair coz the weather is hot
AH!
RATTLE RATTLE
OPEN
All right!
Tada!
$ $
... UNDER STOOD.
... WE'RE PLAYING FOR FREE TODAY THEN?
JUST LOOK OUT FOR IT AT YOUR CONVE-NIENCE.
CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHOP FOR A WHILE?
I WANT TO GO OUT TO BUY SOME-THING . .
EH? DO YOU NEED TO GO OUT?
Shop opening time
Coz I'll probably be back after 4 o'clock

CLICK
THUD
Talking about tricks
IF YOU SHOOT THE CUE BALL ON THE RIGHT SIDE, THE BALL WILL GO TO THE LEFT.
IF YOU SHOOT IT TO THE LEFT, THEN THE BALL WILL GO TO THE RIGHT.
THUD
Like this
LIKE WHEN TO AIM SOMEWHERE TO SHOOT...
ARE THERE ANY TRICKS TO PLAYING BILLIARDS?
. by the way,
Ooh.
YOU'RE STILL THE SAME, ONLY NOT AS BAD IN OPENING BREAK SHOTS!
Then
YOU'RE VERY NOISY YOU KNOW!
Anyway I'm only good in opening break shots!

Then ... in the beginning, you should have started teaching me tricks from the middle schoolers' level!!!
EVEN KINDERGARTENERS WOULD HAVE THIS KIND OF COMMON SENSE.
OH ...!
So that's it!!
Hey, you're too much!! don't be so calculative about every thing okay?
RATTLE RATTLE...
Huh.
CUSTOMERS...
AH!
!?
Eh?
YOU GUYS ...
HE WAS THE ONE WHO HAD A CRUSHING DEFEAT BY KAEDE LAST TIME ?
Whaa?
Refer to ch 1

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, GO AHEAD...
...
Ah,
AND YOU'D BETTER GO FURTHER INSIDE.
'Coz you make people feel uneasy
Damn,
WHERE IS YOU?
HE WENT TO BUY SOMETHING
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU'D NEVER COME AGAIN?
...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
SORT OF I GUESS!
RIGHT ?
THUD
...
OH!
SO HE'S NOT AROUND ...

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Oh,
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
SORRY, SORRY, I KNOCKED YOU ACCIDENTALLY JUST NOW!
He saw
Yeah,
IT'S A BLUE-CHECKERED ONE!
WHAT THE...!?
Indeed!
A MIDDLE SCHOOL KID'S PANTIES ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO LOOK AT!
Covers
...WHAT?
Ah, here
I did it again!
BUMP
Ah! I did it again!
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO!?
THESE GUYS !!!
Gya!!!
LIFT
Can't you wear something sexier?
KICK

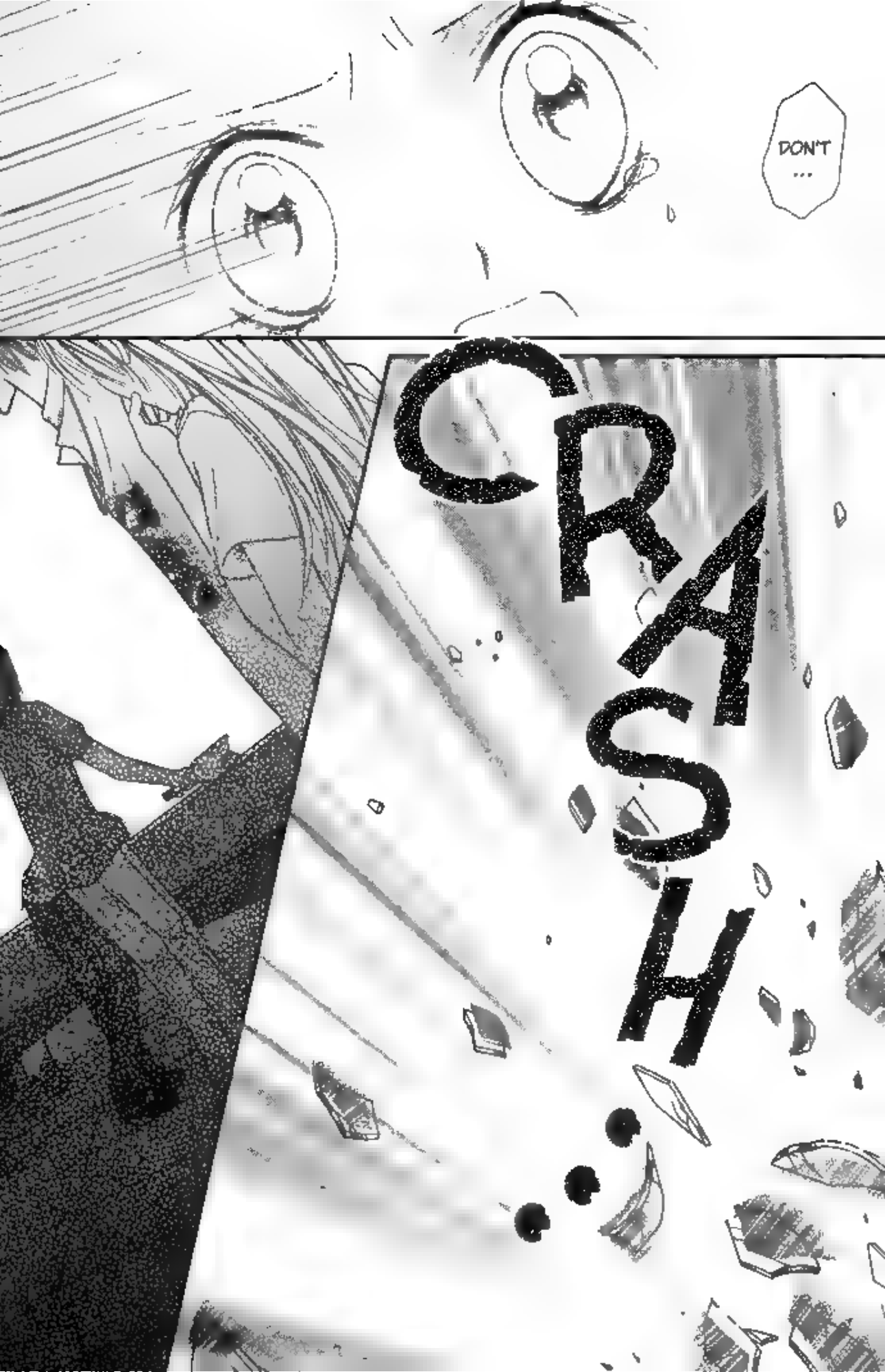
GNASH
GNASH
GNASH
GNASH
...

Why!?
THE TIMING'S NOT RIGHT NOW, YOH ISN'T AROUND!
Why do you want to stop me?
Rigid!!!
SO YOUR STANDARD IS ONLY LIKE THIS!?
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT'S THE MATTER? JUST NOW YOU GUYS HAVEN'T BEEN POCKETING THE BALLS!
DISTURBING ME...
WASN'T THAT BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS!?
ANGRY
HEY!
Let's stop it
GRABS

IF WE MAKE ANY TROUBLE HERE..
SO YOU CAN'T PLAY BILLIARDS WHEN THAT FLIMSY BOSS ISN'T AROUND TO TEACH YOU, LITTLE KAEDE!?
THAT GUY LOOKS REALLY USELESS!
GYA HA HA HA HA HA HA

Don't you say bad things about Yoh!!
You,
Bastard !!!
THUD
AH ... Kaede!

GRIFFO
WHAT'S THIS KID GOING TO DO!?
HEY!
THAT HURT'S ..
YOU BETTER BE POLITE TO US!!
BANG!


DON'T ...
CRASH

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RUN
...
SHIT!
WHOA!
BUMP
...
KAEDE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
BEAR WITH IT!
KAEDE!
HIKA.
THIS IS...!?
YOH-SAN...!
Waaaaaa!

!
JUST NOW THOSE GUYS ..
COVERS
... NOTHING.
IT'S JUST A NORMAL FIGHT.

Have to disinfect too.
WE MUST STOP THE WOUND FROM BLEEDING.
ANYWAY COME TO MY HOUSE FIRST!
... IS THAT SO?
OK UNDERSTOOD.
...
WHY?
WHY ...!?
Can't feel anything now.
Are you all right?
You wait here for a while, I'll drive the car here
Ok.

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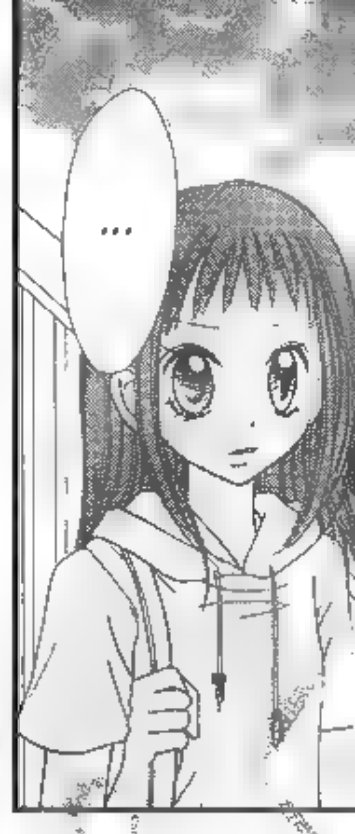
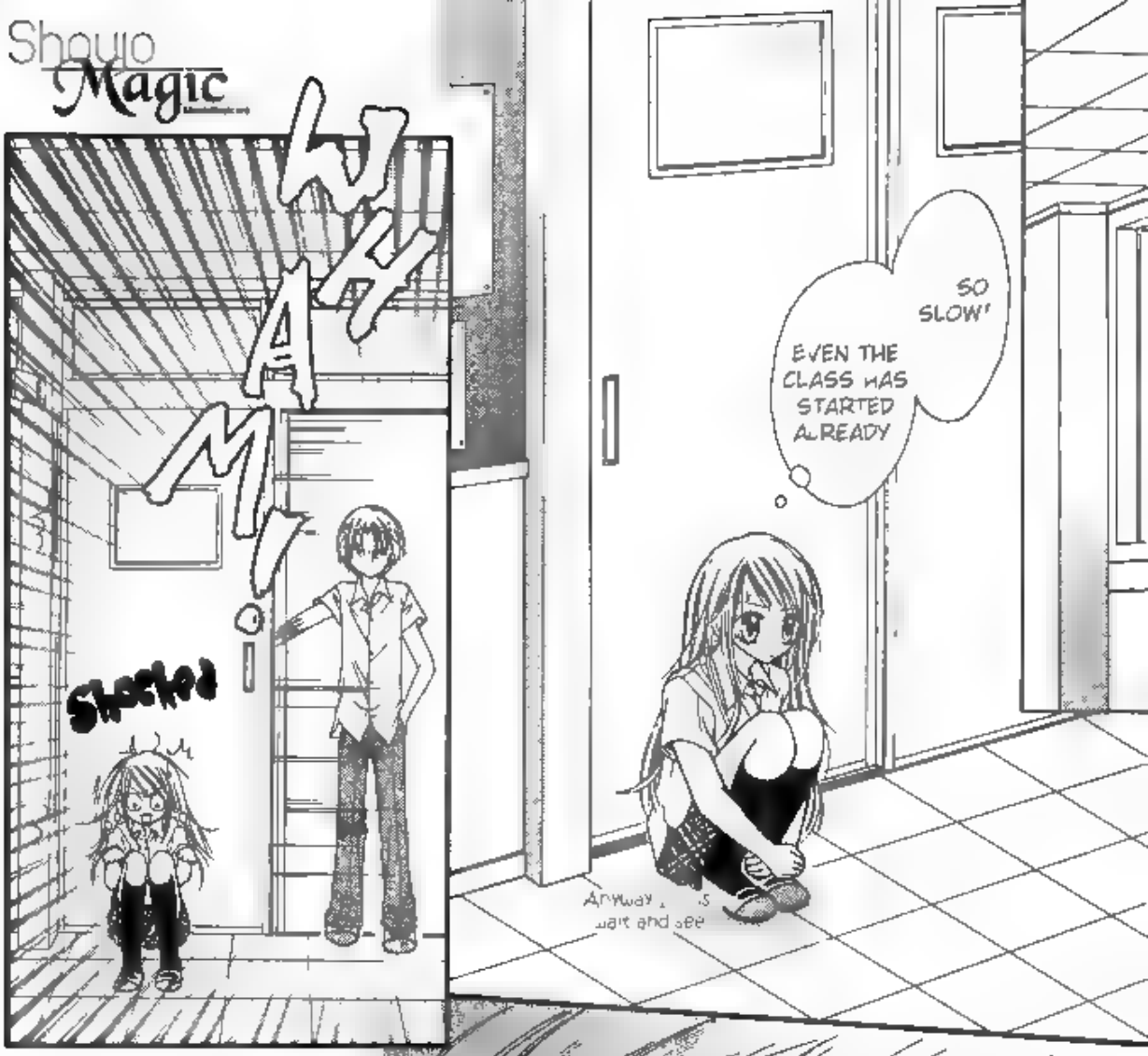


KAEDE.
MOR NING!
HI!
... HI!
... YOUR ARM,
ALL RIGHT?
Aah,
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
DOESN'T HURT AS MUCH AS IT SEEMS.
HOW CAN IT POSS- IBLY BE PAIN- LESS..?
WHY DIDN'T YOU MAKE THINGS ... CLEAR YESTER- DAY?
WE SHOULD ASK THE POLICE TO NAB THOSE GUYS!
WHY DID YOU MAKE EXCUSES FOR..
... WHEN DID I TRY TO SHIELD THEM?

BY THAT TIME, YOU'S BUSINESS LICENSE WOULD BE REVOKED, AND HE WOULD BE FORCED TO STOP DOING BUSINESS!
IT'D TURN OUT TO BE AN ASSAULT INCIDENT
IF THE POLICE CAME,
HUH?
...
Thud
TO BE UNABLE TO GO TO THAT SHOP AGAIN, RIGHT?
YOU ALSO DON'T WISH...
I REALLY CAN'T STAND

OK I UNDER-STAND!
... WHAT YOU SAID IS RIGHT!
IT WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN IF THE SHOP THAT I'VE STARTED PATRONIZING RECENTLY SHUT DOWN ALL OF A SUDDEN!
And I have no idea where other shops are
THE THING THAT KAEDE USES HIS LIFE TO PROTECT,
I WANT TO PROTECT IT, TOO.
Who are you calling Sir?
Yes, At your command! Sir!
So make sure you don't tell anyone, okay?

Ding Dong
KAEDE MINAKAMI FROM YEAR 2 CLASS A, PLEASE REPORT TO THE STUDENT COUNSELING ROOM AT ONCE..
KAEDE MINAKAMI FROM YEAR 2 CLASS A, IF YOU'RE IN THE SCHOOL, PLEASE REPORT TO THE STUDENT COUNSELING ROOM AT ONCE!
We must have the perseverance!
OF COURSE
Then,
WE'LL BE GOING THERE AFTER CLASS TODAY AS WELL?
...
I FEEL LIKE ...
SOMETHING BAD IS GOING TO HAP-
STUDENT'S DISCIPLINAR OFFICE
It's so true that disaster never come alone


WHAT A MESS!
Shocked
EVEN THE CLASS HAS STARTED ALREADY
SO SLOW!
Anyway I'll wait and see

... THE TEACHER ...
ASKED ME TO STOP GOING TO THAT SHOP.

...
YOU'RE SLOW! WHAT HAPPENED?
Ah, nev

HUH ...!?
ONE OF THE STUDENTS SAID THAT SHE SAW YOU PLAYING IN A SHOP THAT DOES LATE NIGHT BUSINESS.
MINAKAMI.
WHAT'S WITH THE WOUND ON YOUR ARM?
DID YOU HURT YOURSELF AT THAT SHOP?
... IT'S NOT!
THIS IS...
I EVEN HAVE AN EYE WITNESS!
... WHAT ?
THIS ISN'T ONLY THE SCHOOL'S PROBLEM .
SEEMS LIKE WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK UP THE SHOP'S PERSON-IN-CHARGE AND TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT
IF THAT PERSON-IN-CHARGE HID THE ASSAULT INCIDENT AT HIS SHOP PURPOSELY,
THEN THE PROBLEM WILL BECOME MORE SERIOUS!
THAT'S WHY I SAID THE WHOLE MATTER ISN'T LIKE THAT!?

IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS MATTER TO GET WORSE,
DON'T GO TO THAT KIND OF PLACE AGAIN.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE, THE SCHOOL WILL BE TROUBLED,
AND IT'LL ALSO BRING BAD INFLUENCE TO OTHER STUDENTS.
MINA-KAMI,
What kind of attitude is that?
Hey!
MINA-KAMI!!
Damn. So irritating.
WHO THE HELL ...!?
THUMP
MI-KA!
THUMP
I'm saying this in advance.
Ah.
IT'S NOT ME!?
...THAT'S WITHOUT SAYING
Of course I know that
THUMP
...WHO?
HOW COULD
That's too... selfish
...THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
DA-MN!
WHO THE HELL GAVE THE TEACHERS A TIP-OFF!?
BANG!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SHIKA HAS ALREADY STARTED YOU KNOW?
!?
... IT'S SONOKO.
DASHES
KYAAAA!?
MIKA !?
GRAB
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SPILLED THE BEANS, RIGHT ...!?

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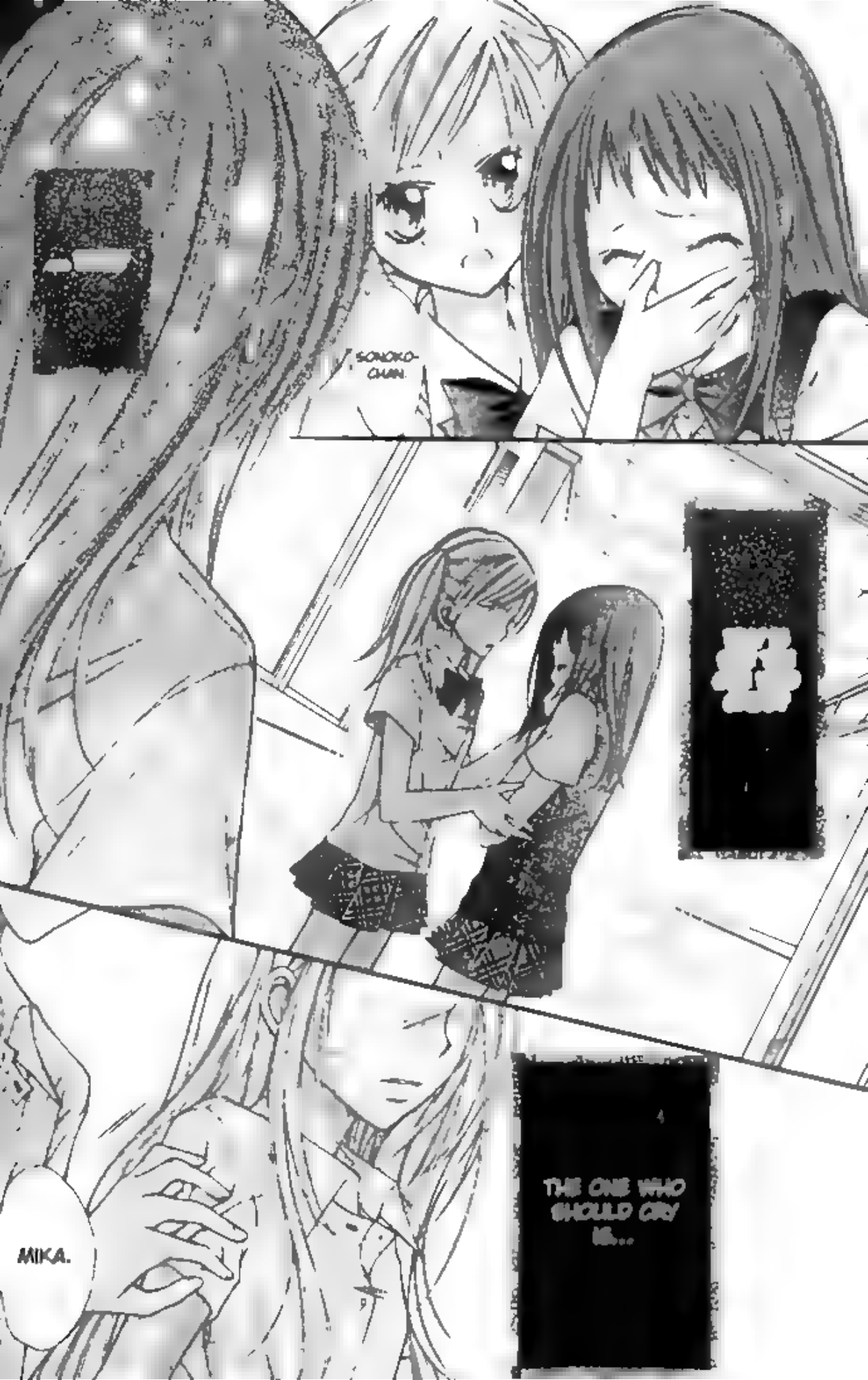
LET GO!
MIKA!
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?
YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN WHAT SENSEI'S REACTION WOULD BE TOWARDS IT, AFTER KNOWING THIS, RIGHT!?
...
WHY!?
... THAT IS WHY I TOLD HIM!!
I WAS WORRIED, AFTER I FOUND OUT THAT MY FRIEND WAS GETTING INVOLVED IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION!!
I COULDN'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT!!
THEN YOU DIDN'T NEED TO TELL SENSEI, RIGHT!?
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO MY EXPLANATION, TOO!
SLAP

YOU'RE ONLY TRYING TO BE A BUSY-BODY!!
YOU ARE NOT WORRIED AT ALL!
WHY ...?
I AM...
ONLY REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU...


SONOKO-CHAN
THE ONE WHO SHOULD CRY IS...
MIKA.

DON'T TALK ABOUT IT ANY-MORE.
... FORGET ABOUT IT
MIKA!!
HUH?
FORGET ABOUT IT?
Wait a minute!
KAEDE!
Where are you going?

EVEN THOUGH
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU GUYS ARE FIGHTING.
BUT,
YOU HAVE CHANGED, AFTER GETTING CLOSER TO MINAKAMI, HAVEN'T YOU!?
YOU DIS-APPEAR RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL,
STOPPED HANGING OUT WITH US...
SINCE YOU CHOOSE TO DO THIS, WE WON'T DISTURB YOU ANYMORE!!
...
LET'S GO! SONOKO.

SHHHH
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR ME TO CRY!!
Turn
splash
splash
splash

CHATTER
CHATTER
... START CHOOSING YOUR OWN GROUP NOW---
WRITE THE REPORT TOGETHER AND HAND IT IN LATER
BEFORE THE NEXT LESSON, DO RESEARCH ON THE PERSON YOU CHOOSE FROM THE LIST!
You can go to the library
GAZE
WHO SHOULD WE DO THE RESEARCH ON?
BUT WHY DID SENSEI DECIDE TO MAKE US DO A GROUP REPORT AT TIME LIKE THIS. ?
shudder
crumple
HAPPEN SOMEDAY

BAM!
WE HAVE TO CLEAN OUTSIDE TODAY!
ding
dong
DON'T FEEL LIKE IT ~
BUT WE CAN SNEAK AWAY, RIGHT?
hmph
MIGHT AS WELL BE IN THE SAME ROOM
WHAT TO DO
MUST BE ALONE TO
Ah
THEN I...
WHAT IS THE MATTER!? THE 3 OF US CAN GO TOGETHER!
THAT'S RIGHT!
Eh?
WHO WANTS TO GO AND GRAB IT?
Ah!
I FORGOT TO BRING THE DUSTPAN!
WANNA DECIDE BY 'ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS'?

E CLONE

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I FELT THAT TIME PASSES BY SLOWLY IN SCHOOL..
FINALLY OVER.
Ufff
HOW LONG IT WILL LAST ?
THIS FEELING, I
...

FWIP
HOW CAN I BE SUCH A LOSER!?
No way!!
Ah ya
QUAD
sniff
sniff

I HOPE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND ME.
IS THIS SOMETHING THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE ?

KAEDE!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WENT BACK!
AH.
OH YEAH!
IT IS RARE THAT WE MEET UP, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE SHOP...
I DON'T WANT TO GO.

WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY ..?
...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GO, YOU CAN GO BY YOURSELF
YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK ME TO GO WITH YOU.
IT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH JUST TO SHOW YOUR FACE
IT IS OK! AS LONG AS YOU DON'T SAY IT OUT LOUD, NO ONE WILL KNOW!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
... YOU!
YOU BETTER TRY TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH THEM!
YOU CAN IGNORE ME
I FELL THAT ANY-THING WILL DO..
THIS IS REALLY IRRITATING ME..
MY SHOU-LDER HURTS, TOO.

THUMP
THUMP
School bag!?
It hurts
You said that it 'didn't hurt' this morning!
If you want to be macho, why don't you stay 'til the end!?
Why do you have to pretend to be like the hero in a sad movie!
YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT!!!
If I ask you not to go, will you listen to me!?
Are you sure that you don't care about you anymore!?

class teacher
IF YOU GO, OKANO WILL...
Hey!
WAIT A MINUTE!
... I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE SUCH A COWARD ...!
FORGET ABOUT IT, I WILL GO ALONE THEN!!
~~~~~~
But!
HA HA
I WILL TRAIN MYSELF TO BE THE BEST, WHEN YOU ARE NOT AROUND!
YOU WILL BE SORRY !!
THEY DID NOT SAY THAT I COULDN'T GO THERE!!
STEP
STEP
HA HA HA HA
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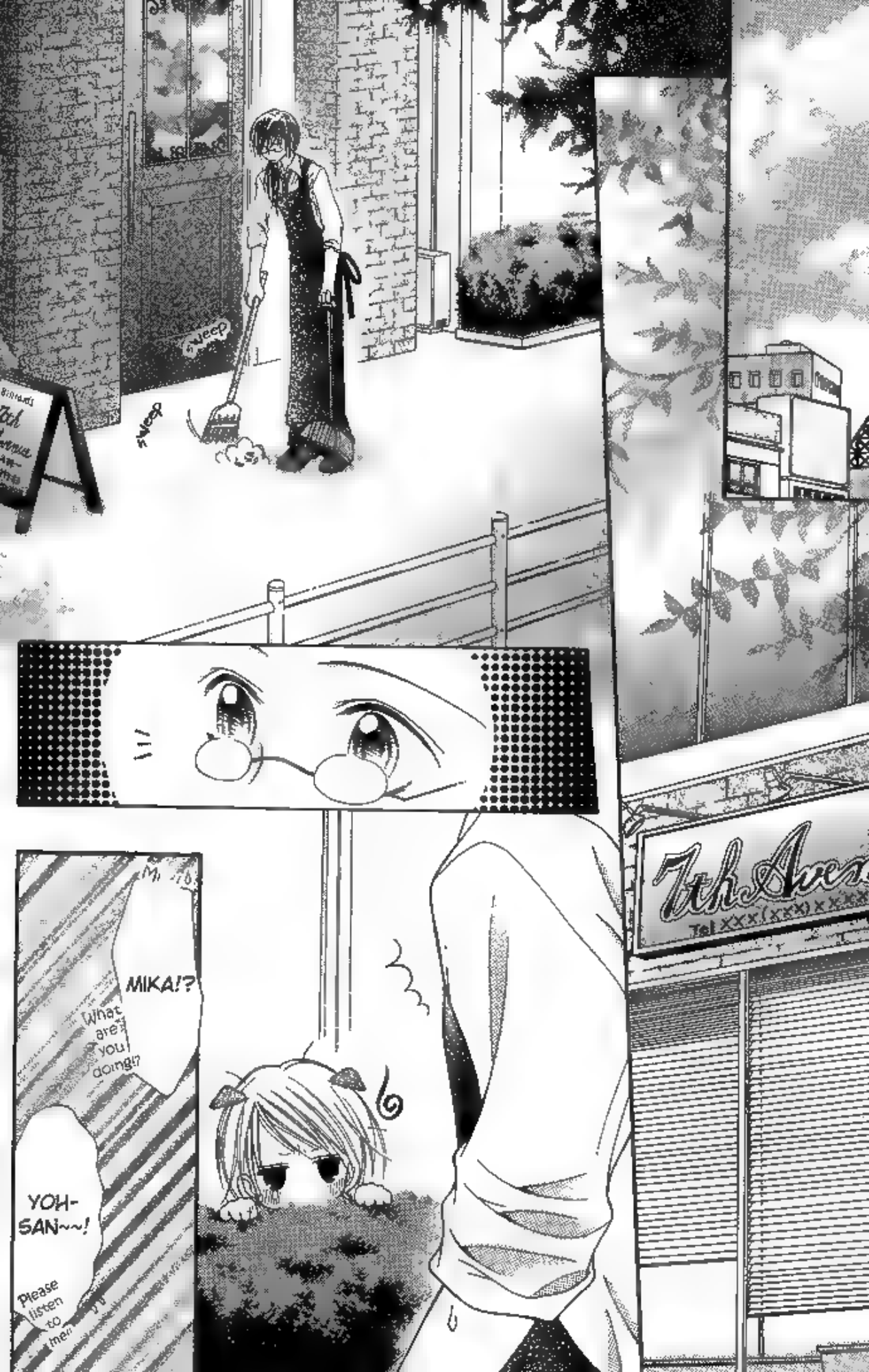
sweep
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7th Ave
Tel XXX(XXX)XXXX
MIKA!?
What are you doing!?
YOH-SAN~~!
Please listen to me!

I SEE...
SO, THAT IS WHAT HAPPEND AT SCHOOL.
Damn it!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
I am not sure what I should do now!!
Hmm
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT KAEDE THINKS TOO HIGHLY OF JUSTICE AND FRIENDSHIP, AND.
I AM OK WITH IT! IF THE POLICE COME OVER FOR AN INVESTI-GATION.
Eh.
THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS, WON'T IT CAUSE YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE .?
KAEDE IS AFRAID OF THIS!!
HMM. TALK ABOUT TROUBLE. OF COURSE THERE WILL BE A LITTLE BIT! BUT WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT.
SINCE I AM RESPON-SIBLE TOO!?
. . BUT BOTH SIDES GOT INJURED AT THAT TIME, AND THE PERSON WHO STARTED THE FIGHT WAS KAEDE. . SO TO VIEW IT IN A POSITIVE ANGLE, IT SHOULD CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT
It is not good to fight
EH?
KAEDE!
... GOT ANGRY BECAUSE THE OTHER PARTY CRITICIZED YOH-SAN!
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Pat

Pat

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

I KNOW

SINCE KAORI WANTS ME TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT, I WON'T MENTION ANYTHING

IF HE NEEDS ME TO COME OUT ABOUT IT, I WON'T MIND EITHER

SINCE I DID NOT DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL

THE POLICE WON'T STOP MY BUSINESS

...
.... SURE ...
KAEDE
PLEASE PASS HIM A MESSAGE SAYING THAT HE CAN COME OVER HERE ANYTIME!
I FINALLY UNDER-STAND
WHY KAEDE TRUSTS HIM SO MUCH..
YOU-SAN, KAEDE IS CUTE, RIGHT?
Oh yeah! Oh yeah!
Ah Ha Ha OF COURSE!
You know that!
BUT I HAVE TO WARN YOU!
YOU WILL SUFFER, IF YOU GET A BOYFRIEND LIKE HIM!

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING.
I CAME UP WITH A GOOD IDEA!
... WAYS TO PERSUADE SONOKO AND ALL..
NAMED, 'INSTEAD OF TELLING THEM ABOUT IT 100 TIMES, WHY NOT SHOW IT TO THEM' TACTICS.
NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM THE HAPPINESS OF GETTING A BILLIARD BALL INTO A POCKET ...
BY THE WAY, THE TACTICS FOR THIS IS.
. I DON'T WISH TO KNOW
Even though I don't want to listen, I know what it is about
sniff
Hah?
HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!?
OR DO YOU NOT PLAN TO GO TO THAT SHOP ANYMORE?
YOH-SAN WANTS ME TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU CAN GO THERE ANYTIME YOU WANT!

... MIKA ...
...
... SINCE HE ASKS ME TO GO, I CAN'T SAY NO...
... LET ME SEE...
Can't take it anymore!
YOU ARE NOT CUTE AT ALL!
Can't you be more straightforward?
.. THAT ..
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN ACCOMPANY ME TO A PLACE..
IS THAT OK?
SONOKO!
Here goes nothing
...?
...

No.
NO WAY!
I...!
IT'S OK, IT'S OK!
BUT ...
EH...
THIS IS...
YOU CAN LEAVE ANYTIME, IF YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS A BORING OR A HORRIBLE PLACE...
PLEASE!
ONLY ONCE WILL DO! JUST TRY IT ONCE!!
WEL-COME!
Hello!

... MIKA CAN REALLY COME UP WITH IDEAS.
Uhmm
... STILL OK!
Like like this?
This is the position
That is right.
Here Sonoko, hold this!
Eh eh

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
IT IS NOT PAINFUL ANYMORE.

... WHY, YOH KNOWS EVERYTHING ...
... YOUR SHOULDER..
IS IT GETTING BETTER?
...
Uhmm, It must be that talkative girl

THUNK
THIS IS FUN, RIGHT?
HOW IS IT..?
SO,
AFTER HITTING THE SIDE OF THE TABLE, IT WILL BOUNCE BACK INTO THE POCKET...
Hmmm.
EH?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT INVOLVES HITTING AT THE CORNER, AND REFLECTION...
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SIMPLE GAME.. HMM!
THIS IS REALLY INTERESTING!!
degree of input and output
a=d
b=C
THAT IS GREAT! IT WENT IN!!
YOU ARE GOOD AT IT!!
And you said that you are a beginner!
...

GAZE
SONO-KO'S VIEW
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
NICE TO MEET YOU! SONOKO.
HERE! Take a sip.
HERE, COME THE OTHER GIRL WHO IS DIFFERENT FROM MIKA...
AH HA HA HA
I FELT THAT
IT SHOULD BE OK SINCE SHE SAID THAT IT IS INTERESTING
The calculation mode.
AH ...
THANK YOU VERY VERY VERY VERY VERY VERY VERY MUCH!!
ENJOY YOURSELF!
SMILE
Nice. NICE TO MEET YOU!!
...
HARD-BOILED THUMP

SONOKO!
EVEN THOUGH SENSEI SCOLDED ME!
SORRY, MIKA.
AND MINAKAMI, TOO.
DRAG
YOU HAVE TO INVITE ME WHEN I DON'T HAVE CRAM CLASS!!
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BOSS IS SUPER GREAT, I TRIED VERY HARD TO PERSUADE SENSEI!!
... BUT, NO MATTER WHAT,
THIS IS GREAT! KAEDE!
I will explain to the rest

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THE IMPORTANCE OF CERTAIN KINDS OF THINGS.

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I AM DONE!

WHAT'S THIS?
Made from bouncing ball and wire
IT'S A RING!!
KASUGA MADE SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN!!
Hey, Every one!
WHAT IS THAT!?
UH?
SPEAKING OF RINGS, OF COURSE MIYANAGA-KUN WILL WIN.
But...
Yes yes, yes!
What is the connection?
THIS IS PRICELESS!
MY RING IS WORTH 3 THOUSAND DOLLARS.
My boyfriend gave it to me ♡
Stupid Kami!!
YOU ARE SO RUDE!!
Hey!!
It will hurt if you are beaten by the person who has this on their hand
INSTEAD OF SAYING THAT IT IS A RING, IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A KNUCKLE DUSTER..
It seems like
Look at your fingers.

MIYA-NAGA-KUN?
WHY?
RATTLE
LOOK,
HE WEARS IT ON HIS LEFT HAND ON THE RING FINGER, RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE... I'VE NEVER REALIZED IT!!
FOR YOU. . YOU WOU-LDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT WHICH INTERESTS YOU
...
BECAUSE MIYANAGA-KUN COULD BE CONSIDERED A PERSON WHO IS HARD TO GET CLOSE TO ' OR HONEST AND SERIOUS?
I'VE NEVER TALKED TO HIM BEFORE!
I really feel like
I AM SURPRISED

Boom
HIS HANDSOMENESS SHOWS WHEN WEARING THE UNIFORM. NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T RESIST HIM.
THERE IS A RING ON HIS LEAN FINGERS!! THIS IS SO SEXY!!
THERE ARE SO MANY ADMIRERS
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND, BUT I STILL WANT TO GET CLOSER HIM!!
OH...
RATTLE
Staff Room
THAT IS ALL FOR TODAY!
SWAM

1-C
SHE IS STILL ON THE CLASS-ROOM...
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
I WILL USE MY WILL POWER TO HOLD THE PENCIL!!!
THERE IS A LOT OF NONSENSE ON YOUR FINGERS! WHAT IF YOU CAN'T HOLD THE PENCIL PROPERLY!?
flustered
Heh Heh Heh
SHE IS REALLY NOISY!
IRRITATING SENSEI...
Can't she just quit causing trouble!
MIYANAGA-KUN!

... I AM CALCULATING THE BUDGET FOR THE HOLIDAY SCHOOL TRIP.
HOW ABOUT YOU, ASAWA-SAN?
flutter
...
Name
IT IS GETTING LATE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE. .?
GASP
I WHO NEVER SPOKE TO HIM BEFORE IS SUDDENLY TALKING TO HIM
Won't it be VERY WEIRD?!
Should I?
WILL HE ASK ME "WHO ARE YOU"!?
I WILL TREAT IT AS A SIGN FROM GOD TO LET US TALK TO EACH OTHER!!
Super optimistic.
I SEE.
NOTHING MUCH!
I AM DOING SOME MINOR WORK.
Too embarrassed to say that she has been called by the sensei to get some scolding
Yes
... BUT,
Wore a turtleneck
WAIT A MINUTE! DON'T YOU THINK THAT THIS CLASSROOM IS SUPER COLD . ?
There is a white mist coming out from my mouth when I speak!?
AH! BECAUSE THE HEATER WASN'T TURNED ON!
rattle rattle
shiver shiver

!?
WHY DON'T WE TURN ON THE HEATER?
BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TURN ON THE HEATER AFTER 5PM.
WHY DO WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE RULES!?
YOU ARE SO ANGRY!
YOUR FACE IS TERRIFYING AGAIN!
YOU ARE SO

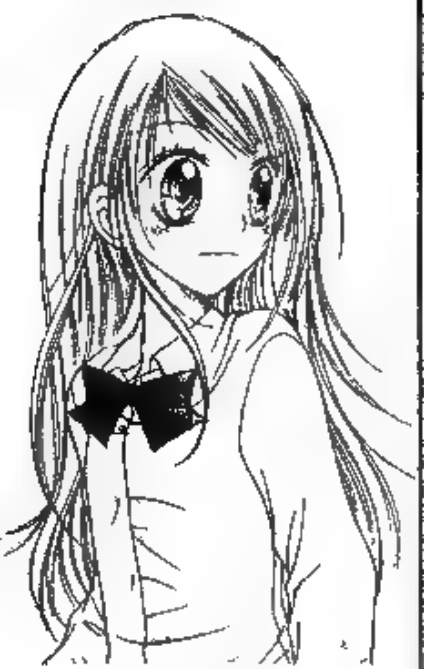
!?
... I SAY ASAWA-SAN...
YES!?
WHY DO YOU DRESS LIKE A MASSED UP TOY BOX...!?
You seem to be wearing a knuckle duster
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
I AM NOT BORED WITH IT NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT!
Ok. that is enough
FEEL LIKE YAN

HAAA! HAAA!
BYE-BYE!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
THEN,

AH!
GOOD MORNING!!
AHHH!
YOUR RABBIT EARS ARE.

PAT PAT
I MIGHT AS WELL SAY THAT IT SUITS YOU
THIS!?
THIS IS A HAT!!
IS IT WEIRD!?
GOOD MORNING KAKUGA!
WHAT KIND OF HAT IS THAT!?
KAKUGA?

COME OVER HERE!!
LET ME GO!
Drag
Drag
Ehe he he he
I WILL WEAR THIS HAT FOR THE WHOLE DAY~ ♡
Wings
I AM IN A GOOD MOOD!!
Skip
Hey
ASAWA! WHAT IS WITH THE HAT OF YOURS!?
Mm
HAVEN'T MIYANAGA AND KASUGA BEEN VERY CLOSE WITH EACH OTHER LATELY?
THEY WERE CHATTING JUST NOW DURING BREAK TIME.
That's right!!
WHAT KIND OF SPELL HAVE YOU USED!?
I want to know, too!!
SPILL IT OUT!!
MAGIC SPELL!
I am going to ask you guys now, don't you guys have boyfriends already?
HMM...



AH?
Meaning?
Ah! Hey!
Slack
MIYANAGA-KUN!!

THOSE FEELINGS...
SEEM TO BE LIKE TURN-ING A TOY BOX UP-SIDE DOWN?
Don't use that hair style to scare other people

Where do you want to go? Let's go together!
I need to go to the staff room! Do you want to go?
Library
... ASAWA'S RINGS ARE SO INTER-ESTING!

IS THAT SO?
YUP!
Especially
THAT ONE ON YOUR RIGHT HAND,
ISN'T THAT NICE?
Disturb those who are studying.
EH?
THIS ONE!?
I MADE IT MYSELF!!
...
IS IT ..?
SHIVER
THE OTHERS ALWAYS SAY THAT IT IS WEIRD!
SHAKE
I AM BEING PRAISED!!
Hmm
Then,
I'LL BE WAITING FOR THAT RING!
Tsk Tsk
I'LL MAKE A SIMILAR ONE FOR YOU!
Oh yeah!
RIGHT THEN...!
Special service!!
...
What to do now...

THE RING THAT YOU ARE WEARING
BELONGS TO YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...?
OH YEAH...
HUH?
...HMM!
...HMM...

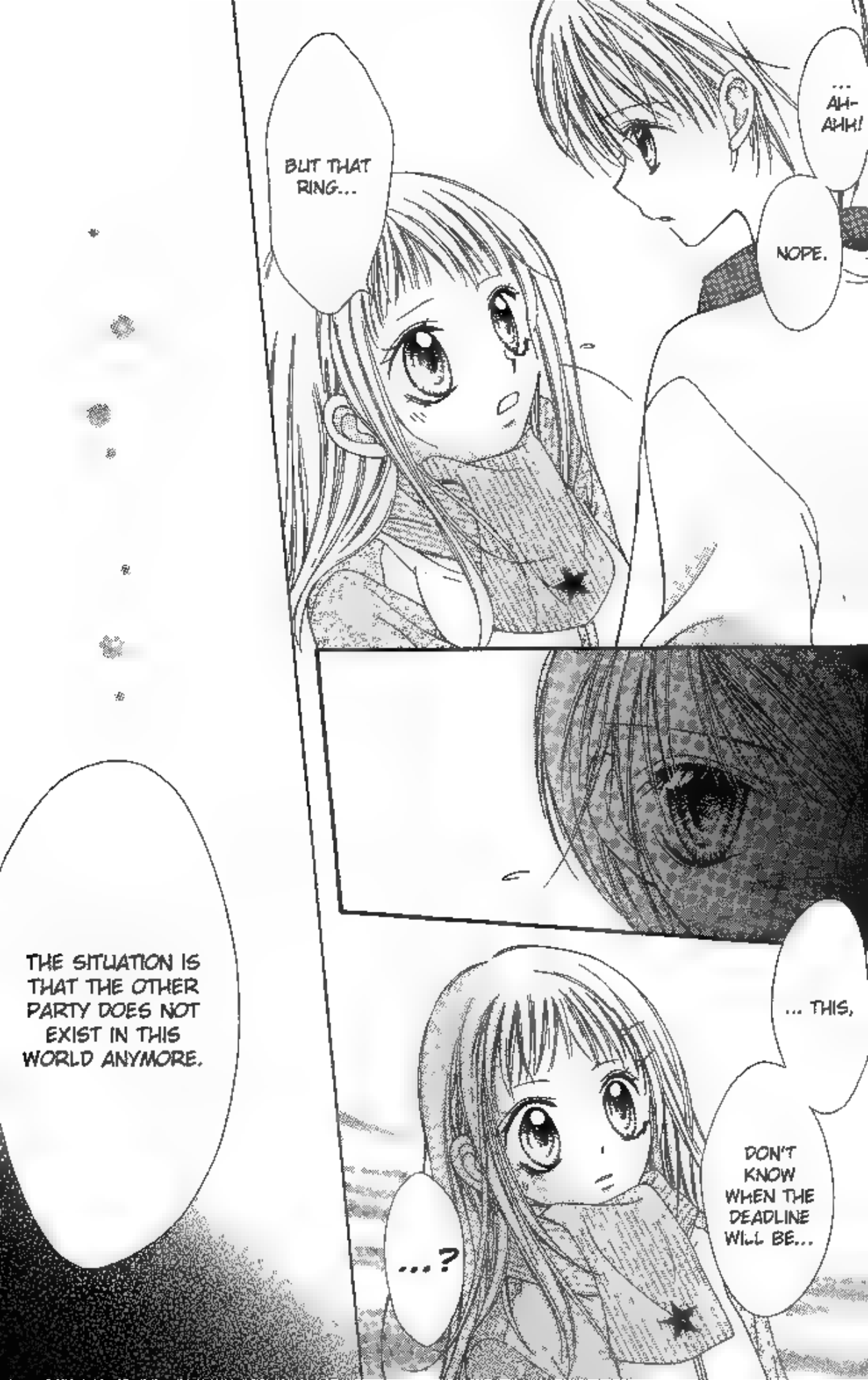
I DON'T KNOW IF FROM THE START
THE FACT THAT MIYANAGA-
ding—
dong—
I DIDN'T TALK TO MIYANAGA-KUN TODAY

... I AM SORRY
SORRY TO ASK YOU OUT.
. IT'S LIKE THIS. .
THIS THIS S THE LOCAT- ION OF CON- FESSIONS. "?
... MIYANAGA!!
IS WITH WHO!?
...
HAVE A GIRL- FRIEND?
THEN ...
MIYANA- GA-KUN, YOU REALLY ...

NO.
I DON'T
stand up.
...!
HUH...?

HA HA...
Hmph
Wow!
YOU ARE REALLY POPULAR!!
I AM DOOMED
THEN... THEN I WILL GO NOW!
HMM!
I AM SORRY! IT SEEMS I HAVE DISTURBED YOU..
Here we go
Skip
Huh?
Ws!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...AHH...
THANK ...YOU ...
Tap
NO PROB-LEM.
SQUEEZE
YOU DON'T HAVE...
MIYA-NAGA.
A GIRL-FRIEND...?


BUT THAT RING...
... AH-AHH!
NOPE.
... THIS,
DON'T KNOW WHEN THE DEADLINE WILL BE...
...?
THE SITUATION IS THAT THE OTHER PARTY DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE.

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Huh?
ASAWA?
YOU ARE STILL HERE?
... YUP!
flop
hmph
.. THIS IS FUNNY ...
IT IS WEIRD TO SEE YOU BEING OBEDIENT!
HUH?
...

HUH ...?
THE BEST IS STILL SEE THE ENERGETIC YOU!
... BECAUSE OF WHAT I TOLD YOU JUST NOW?
IS IT BECAUSE OF ME?
YUP
IS IT?
... YOU GUYS ARE A LITTLE ALIKE!
YOU BOTH LIKE TO FOOL AROUND

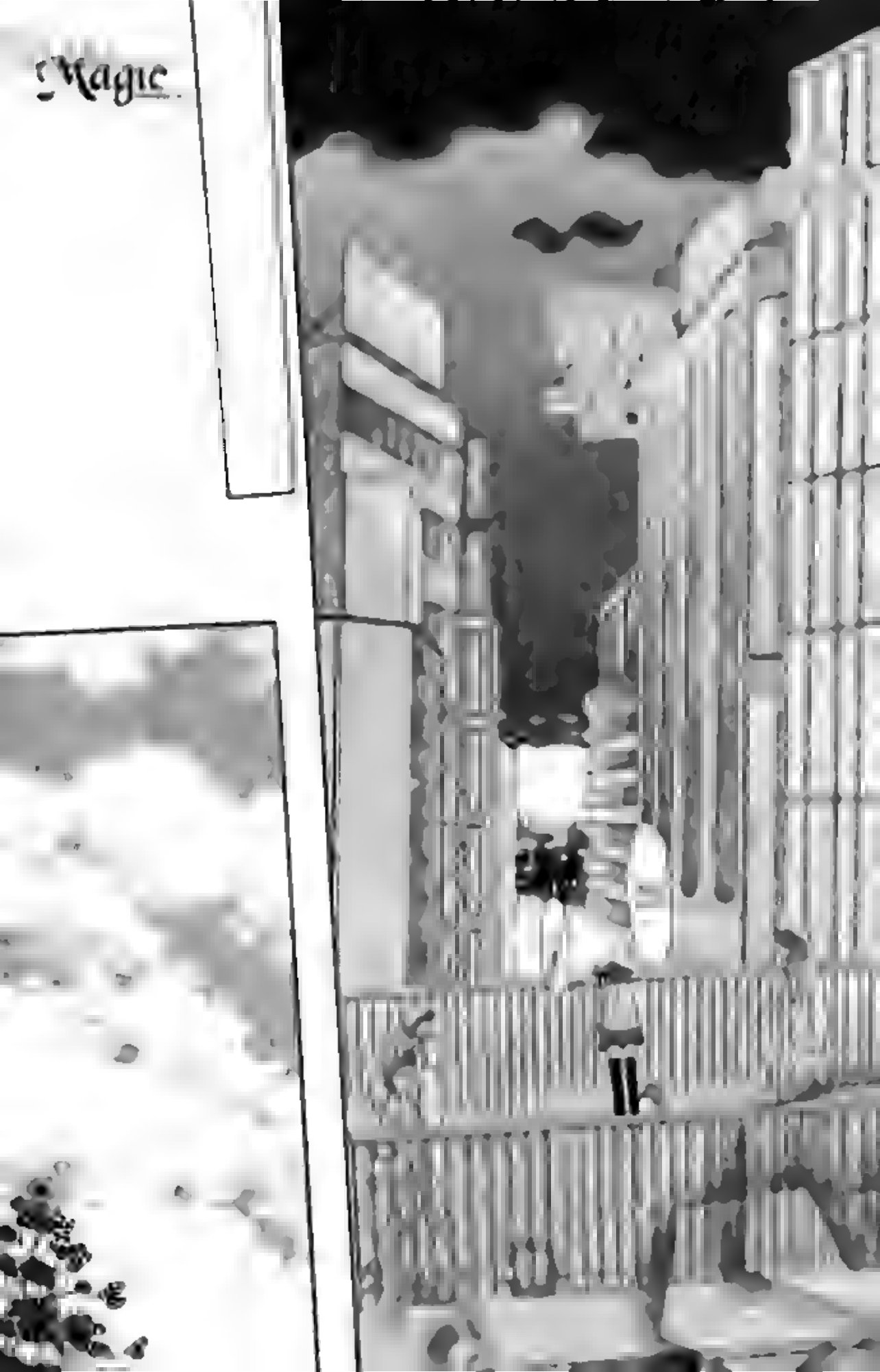
... "LIKE WHO"...?

...
I
IF YOU HAPPEN TO LIKE SOMEONE IN THE FUTURE
BUT,
AND YOU TAKE THE RING OFF
I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE EXISTENCE A RELATIVE OR A FRIEND
SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS

I BELIEVE THAT YOU DO NOT NEED TO FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS.
BECAUSE, MIYANAGA YOU ARE STILL ALIVE!

STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
GRAB
I AM GOING HOME
...

IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU PASSED AWAY, THAT MIYANAGA IS LIKE THIS...!!!
STUPID...!!!
BUT...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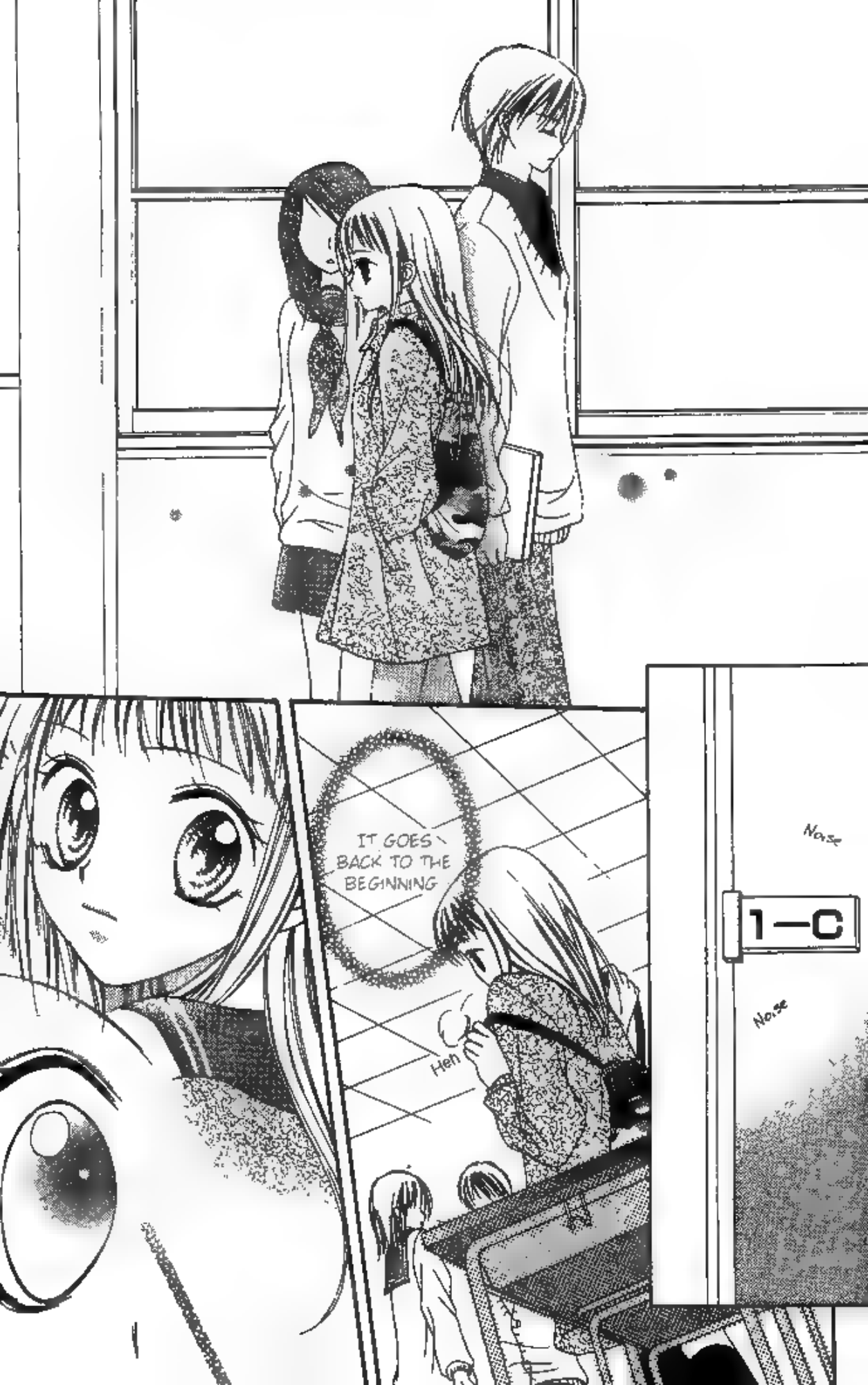
GOOD MORNING, KASUGA!!
... MORNING ...
SO MOODY!
WHAT HAPPEN TO YOU? KASUGA!
HMM


IT GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING
Heh
Nose
1—C
Nose

DASH
THIS IS...!!

MIYA
...
MIYANAGA!!
RUNNING
THAT!
RL..
RING
...!
THIS!

BECAUSE, KASUGA
Y...?
AM.

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WANTED TO GIVE ME THAT RING?
AHH...
"THEN I WI... MAKE A SIMILAR ONE FOR YOU!"

... I,
AM VERY CONFIDENT WITH MY OWN LIFE!!
I WON'T DIE, EVEN IF I GET HIT BY A CAR.
I WILL BE OK, EVEN IF I FALL DOWN FROM A HIGH PLACE!
AND, AND ...
.....
HMM
...

... BUT THERE IS STILL A PROBLEM.
Heh...
?

... BUT THE SIMPLER ONES ARE NOT INTER-ESTING ...
HMM... THEN I SHOULD I MAKE A SIMPLER MODEL FOR YOU.
Until now, he was a simple dresser and hides the ring well enough in front of sensei.
IT WILL BE HARD FOR SENSEI NOT TO NOTICE... IF I WEAR THE SAME RING AS YOU...
Ah ah!
MAY-BE!
... Then,
WE WILL RUN TOGETHER!
Kiss.
Ah...?
OH YEAH, THIS PERSON IS AN EARLY MATURING GUY!!
Feels like she is getting into danger.
MIYA... MIYANAGA!
MIYANAGA!!
Platinum End

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